

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT/COMMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Beloborodov (Reg. No. 50,773) on 4/29/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, Last Line: -- , the lighting unit further comprising a rotational axis defined by the conventional lamp cap, the second lamp cap and the fitting of the LED module, wherein the plurality of protruding elements are rotatable around the rotational axis with respect to the housing -- has been inserted after "elements".

Claim 3, Line 3: "a rotational axis defined by the conventional lamp cap, the second lamp cap and the fitting of the LED module" has been replaced by -- the rotational axis. --

Claim 4 has been canceled.

Claim 5, Line 1: "Claim 4" has been changed to -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 16, Last Line: -- , the lighting unit further comprising a rotational axis defined by the conventional lamp cap, the second lamp cap and the fitting of the LED module, wherein the plurality of protruding elements are rotatable around the rotational axis with respect to the housing -- has been inserted after "elements".

Claim 22, Last Line: -- , wherein the plurality of rotatable protrusions comprises a plurality of protruding elements each bearing a plurality of LEDs -- has been inserted after "elements".

Claim 25 has been canceled.

Claim 27, Line 1: "Claim 25" has been changed to -- Claim 22 --.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claims recite a lighting apparatus comprising a first light element removable attached to a second light element where the second light element has a plurality of protruding elements bearing a plurality of LEDs where the protruding elements are rotatable around a rotational axis and a hinge, located between the ends of the protruding element, to rotate each protruding element around at least one tangent or additional axis different from the rotational axis.

Because none of the references discloses the details of the second light element comprising the fitting to removably attach a first light element and the plurality of protruding elements being rotatable and having a hinge located between ends of the protruding element that rotates around a different axis, nor is there any motivation to combine them, the claims are deemed patentable over the prior art of record.

Hefner (US Patent 5,186,659) teaches a lighting unit with a conventional lamp cap and fitting with a plurality of protruding elements, but fails to teach or suggest the protruding elements being rotated or hinged. Huang (US Patent 5,072,341) teaches a plurality of protruding

elements that are hinged and rotated, but fails to teach or suggest the use of a lamp cap or fitting to receive an additional light element or the use of a hinge located between ends of the protruding element. Chernick et al. (US 2004/0004828) teaches a plurality of protruding elements that are rotated, but fails to teach or suggest the use of a lamp cap or fitting to receive an additional light element or the use of a hinge located between ends of the protruding element. Therefore, the prior art taken as a whole does not show nor suggest the details of the hinge being located between ends of the protruding element and rotating around a rotational axis.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David J. Makiya whose telephone number is (571) 272-2273. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30am - 4:00pm (ET).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jong-Suk (James) Lee can be reached on (571) 272-7044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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